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Dear Requester:

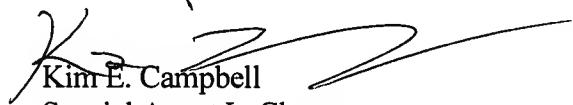
Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was originally submitted to the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on December 3, 2018, for information pertaining to email metadata or every email sent to or from any internet domain name owned or operated by or for United States Secret Service or intranet domain name owned or operated by or for United States Secret Service, including all subdomains thereof stored on any Government-accessible server, in electronic format, at the time this request was made or at the time the search on this request was made.

It is the Secret Service's position that a FOIA request for all of an agency's records on a particular day or days can be denied by the agency for being "overly broad". *Freeman v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 1991 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19214, at 5 (D. D.C. Oct. 16, 1991). We understand that your FOIA request seeks a segregated part of all email records for certain days, *i.e.* the "metadata." However, the FOIA statute does not require agencies to manipulate information drawn from agency records to create *new* records. *Frank v. Department of Justice*, 941 F. Supp. 4, 5 (D.D.C. 1996) (agency is not required to dig out all the information that might exist, in whatever form or place it might be found, and to create a document that answers plaintiffs' questions).

You may choose to narrow the scope of your request to reduce the quantity of responsive documents. If you wish to narrow the scope of your request, please send an amended request within 30 business days of the date of this letter. You may send your amended request to the address above, or email it to FOIA@USSS.DHS.GOV. If we do not receive an amended request from you within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, this request will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370. FOIA File No. 20190192 is assigned to your request. Please use this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,



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